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SUBJ: JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE CHINA DIFFERENTIAL  
ON COMPUTERS - IL 1565

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DEL MAY REPLY TO FUKUDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. US AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE  
POINTS RAISED BILATERALLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOJ AT  
WASHINGTON IN AUGUST 1973 CONCERNING THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH  
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FLOW FROM THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SO-CALLED EASY

ACCESS CLAUSE CONTAINED IN NOTE 4 OF COCOM ITEM IL 1565. ADDITIONALLY, STUDY OF COMPUTER QUESTIONS WITHIN THE USG IS CONTINUING IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A LESS COMPLEX, MORE BALANCED, AND MORE UP-TO-DATE DEFINITION THAN THE PRESENT ONE. THESE STUDIES ARE NOT YET COMPLETE. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT RENEGOTIATION OF IL 1565 AMONG THE NUMBER OF NATIONS INVOLVED IN COCOM WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE WITHIN 1973.

2. THEREFORE, IF THE URGENTLY STATED DESIRES OF THE GOJ ARE TO BE MET WITHIN THIS YEAR, THERE APPEAR TO BE NO ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE BUT THOSE OUTLINED IN THE JAPANESE DELEGATE'S CORRESPONDENCE OF OCTOBER 9, 1973

3. IN RECOGNITION OF THE URGENCY ATTACHED TO THIS QUESTION BY THE GOJ, AND ON CONDITION THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO EXTEND THEIR SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS BOTH WITH REGARD TO A SATISFACTORY RENEGOTIATION OF THE ITEM AS WELL AS IN ASSESSING ANY EXPORT REQUESTS IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY IN ASSURING THE PEACEFUL END USE OF ANY EQUIPMENT EXPORTED IN THE INTERIM, US AUTHORITIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO A FORMAL PROPOSAL BY THE GOJ TO WIDEN THE APPLICABLE AREA OF THE PRESENT NOTE 4. THE US AUTHORITIES WILL ALSO REQUEST OTHER COCOM COUNTRIES TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND EXERCISE EXTREME CARE IN CONSIDERING EXPORTS TO THE PRC UNDER SUCH AN INTERIM EXTENSION. THIS ACTION WOULD BE CONSONANT WITH SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO RADIO RELAY EQUIPMENT DURING THE MOST RECENT LIST REVIEW. KISSINGER

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